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SUBJECT: EC PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE: MAY 17-18 POLITICAL
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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONSULT ON THE FOLLOWING PRIOR TO
SUBJECT MEETING. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, CERTAIN OF THE ITEMS

MENTIONED REFTEL FORM THE SUBJECT OF ON-GOING CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING WITH THE UK PRESIDENCY, AND THE WASHINGTON VISIT OF MINISTER OF STATE ROWLANDS AT THE END OF THIS MONTH WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL REVIEW.

2. CSCE. THE US STRONGLY SUPPORTS TABLING OF A PAPER AT OUTSET OF PREPARATORY MEETING ON DETAILS OF AGENDA, TIMING, PROCEDURES AND OTHER MODALITIES OF MAIN MEETING IN THE FALL. BY TABLING SUCH A PAPER THE WEST WOULD SEIZE THE INITIATIVE AT BELGRADE AND FOCUS DISCUSSION ON THE CONCRETE QUESTIONS WHICH ARE WITHIN THE MANDATE OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING. A PAPER FOCUSED ON TECHNICAL DETAILS WOULD ALSO UNDERCUT POSSIBLE EFFORTS BY OTHERS TO INJECT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES INTO PREPARATORY MEETING, AND ESPECIALLY SOVIET

ATTEMPT TO OPEN PREPARATORY MEETING WITH A DISCUSSION OF A "POLITICAL CONCEPT" OF THE MAIN MEETING. WE UNDERSTAND THE NINE ARE WORKING ON SUCH A PAPER AND WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN SEEING IT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. WE ALSO BELIEVE WESTERN PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE SHOULD NOW FOCUS ON DEVELOPING THEMES WHICH SHOULD BE STRESSED DURING THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION. THESE THEMES SHOULD BE BROUGHT OUT BY ALL WESTERN PRESENTATIONS AND SHOULD CLARIFY FOR THE PUBLIC AND FOR THE EAST WHAT WE EXPECT FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. FINALLY, AS WE HAVE BEEN URGING AT NATO, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD START TO CUT DOWN LIST OF NEW PROPOSALS, IDENTIFYING THE MOST SUITABLE IDEAS AND DEVELOPING THEM INTO FULL TEXTS FOR TABLING AT MAIN
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BELGRADE MEETING. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT ADVANCING TOO MANY PROPOSALS RUNS RISK OF (A) DETRACTING ATTENTION FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW; (B) PROLONGING FOLLOW-UP MEETING, THEREBY INCREASING POSSIBILITY OF PUBLIC DISILLUSIONMENT OVER EXTENDED DEBATE IN BELGRADE; AND (C) INCREASING PRESSURES FOR CREATION OF POST-BELGRADE EXPERTS GROUPS FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN TO COMPLETE UNFINISHED WORK.

3. CYPRUS. THE CYPRUS INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS WILL RESUME IN NICOSIA MAY 20 FOR AT LEAST TWO SESSIONS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT MORE THAN TWO MEETINGS COULD BE HELD BEFORE THE MID-JUNE UN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON UNFICYP RENEWAL AND HAVE SO INDICATED TO THE CYPRUS PARTIES AND IN ANKARA. WE RECOGNIZE THAT LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE MOVEMENT CAN BE EXPECTED BEFORE THE JUNE 5 TURKISH ELECTIONS, BUT WE SEE IN THE NICOSIA TALKS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PARTIES TO CLARIFY AND PROBE THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS, THUS CLEARING THE WAY FOR DISCUSSION OF THE MAJOR CONSTITUTIONAL AND TERRITORIAL

QUESTIONS ONCE A NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT IS FORMED. WHEN TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER CHELIK WAS IN WASHINGTON IN LATE APRIL, AND IN CONVERSATIONS WITH BOTH PARTIES IN NICOSIA, WE HAVE SUGGESTED INFORMALLY THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS CONSIDER ENLARGING AND CLARIFYING THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL IN SEVERAL SPECIFIC AREAS. ON TERRITORY, WE HAVE MENTIONED THE IDEA OF DISCUSSIONS ON AN AREA-BY-AREA BASIS PROCEEDING FROM A MAP SHOWING THE GREEK CYPRIOT PROPOSED LINE AND TURKISH FORWARD POSITIONS. WE HAVE ALSO ENCOURAG-

ED EFFORTS TO CONDUCT THE NICOSIA TALKS WITH A MINIMUM OF PUBLICITY AND PRESS BACKGROUNDING. THE FOREGOING IDEAS HAVE ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED WITH UN OFFICIALS IN BOTH NEW YORK AND CYPRUS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT JUNE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON UNFICYP RENEWAL COULD BE HANDLED IN STRAIGHT-FORWARD NON-CONTENTIOUS MANNER AND THAT POSSIBILITIES FOR FORWARD MOVEMENT DURING SUMMER INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS

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UNDER AEGIS OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL CAN BE PURSUED.

4. SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE BRITISH ARE WELL-INFORMED ABOUT OUR VIEWS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, HAVING WORKED IN CLOSE CONCERT WITH US ON RHODESIA AND PARTICIPATED IN THE FIVE POWER DEMARCHE ON NAMIBIA, AS WELL AS THE NEGOTIATIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES AT THE UNITED NATIONS. WE TRUST THEY WILL REFLECT TO THE NINE THE STRONG US SUPPORT FOR THE JOINT EFFORT ON RHODESIA, OUR INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR A NAMIBIAN SOLUTION ALONG THE COURSE CHARTED BY THE FIVE POWER CONTACT GROUP, AND OUR CONTINUED CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA. CHRISTOPHER

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